



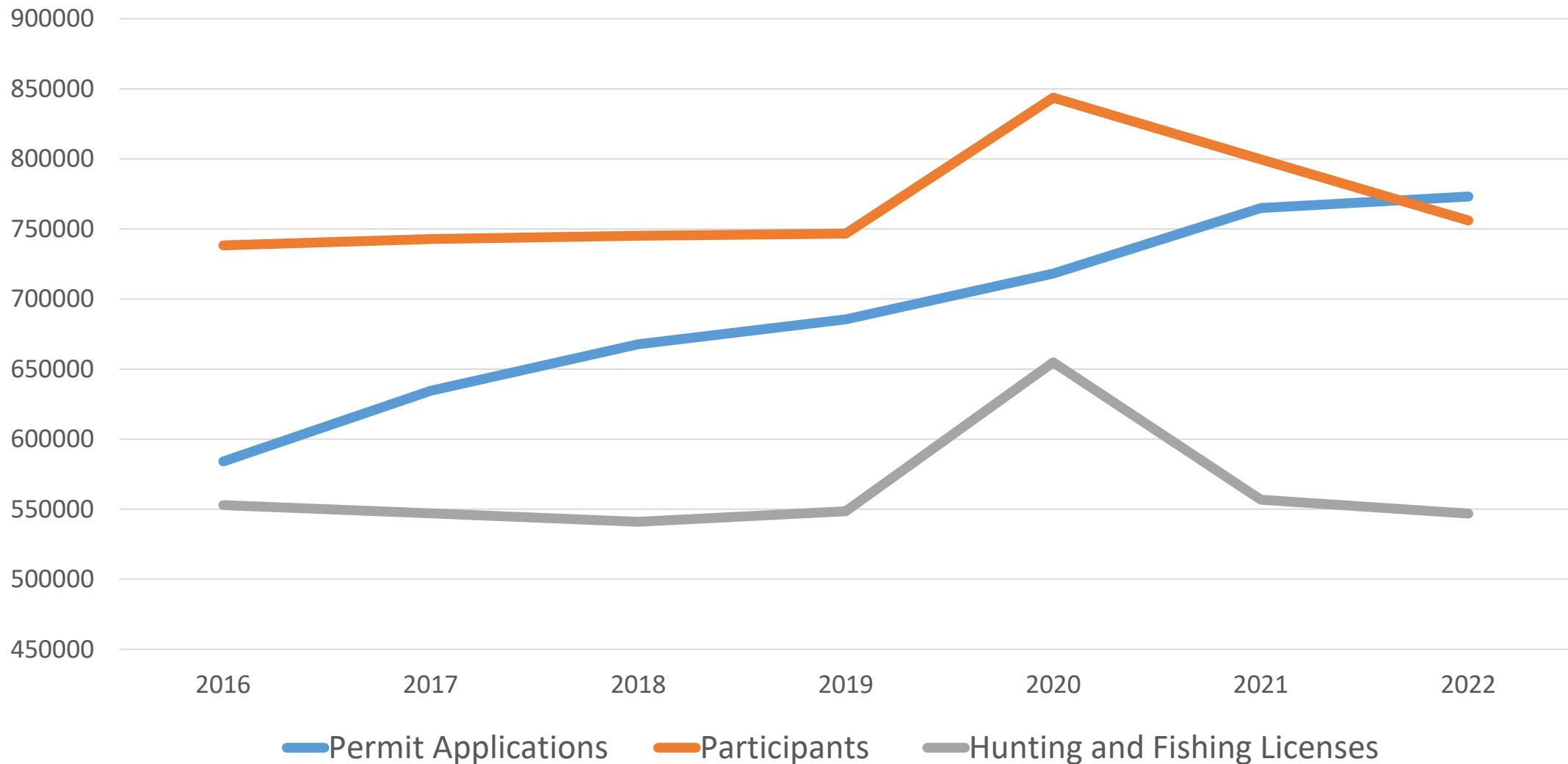
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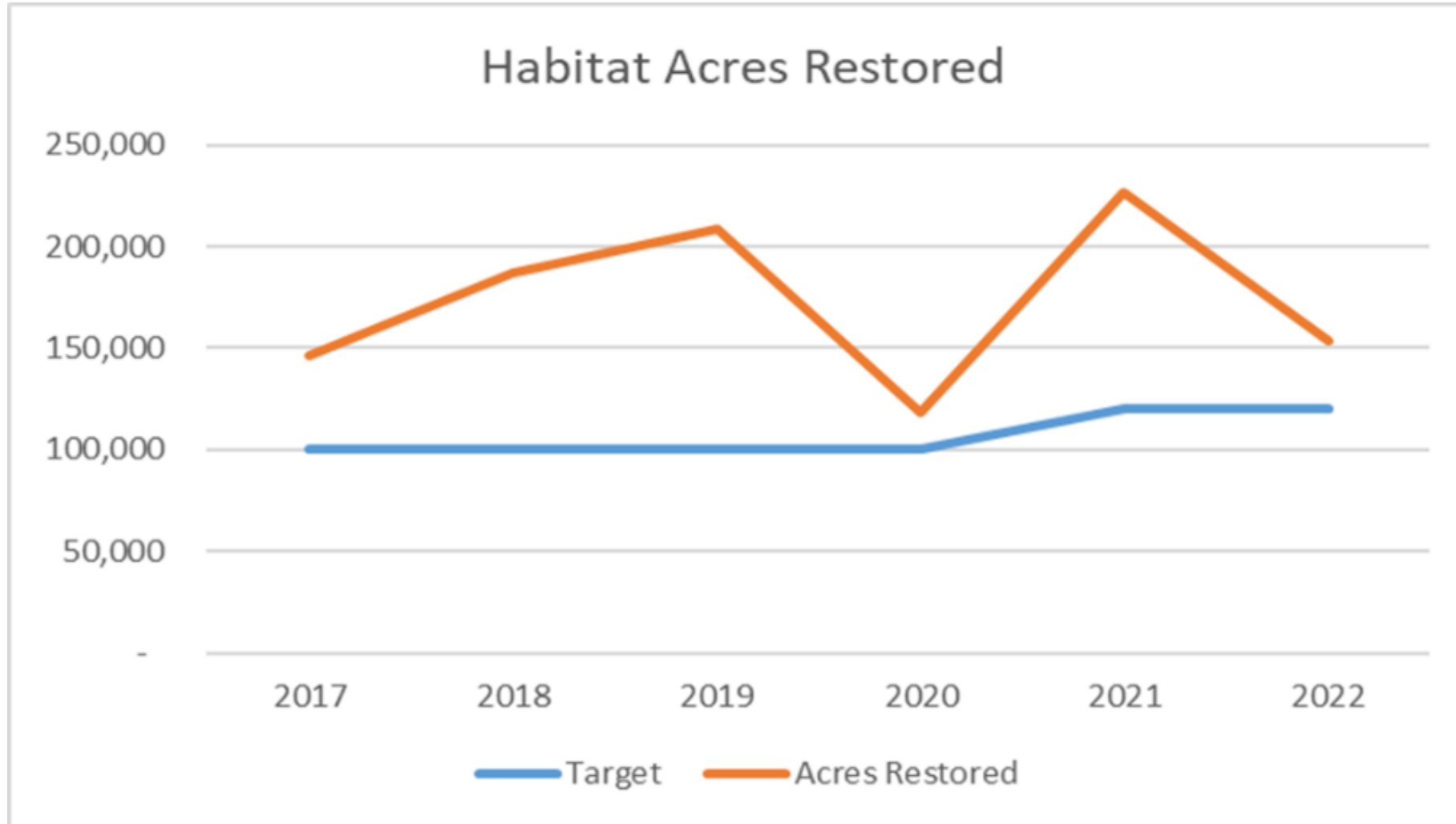


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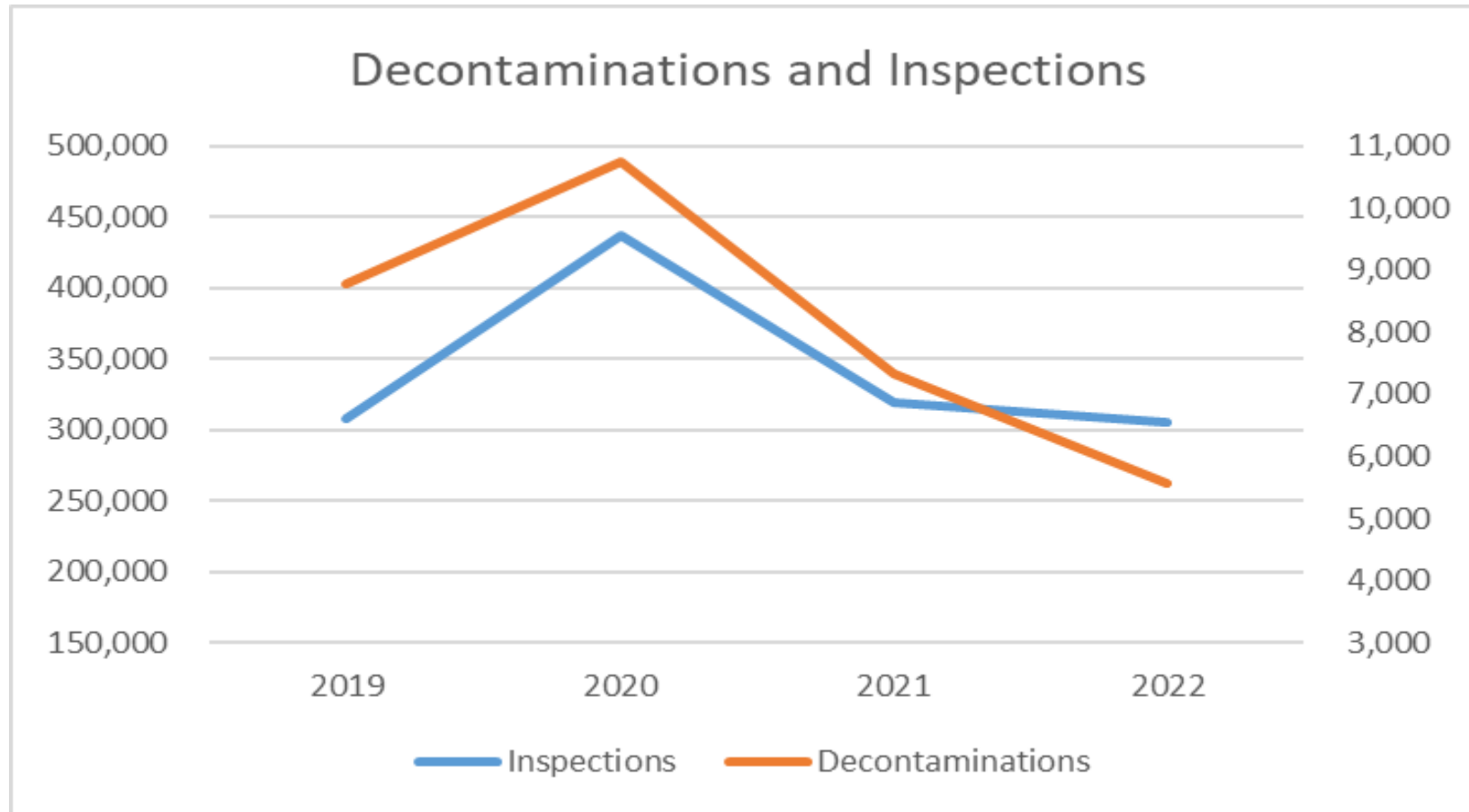
PARTICIPATION TRENDS 2022



MORE HABITAT RESTORED



AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES



Lake Powell stats: 68,141 inspections and 939 decontaminations (including 525 with new dip tank)

MULE DEER HERDS



MONITORING AND RESEARCH

We work with our partners in the Utah Wildlife Migration Initiative to monitor Utah's deer herds throughout the year.



PREDATOR CONTROL

We've taken steps to more tightly manage predator populations and reduce their impact on our deer herds.



HEALTHY HABITAT

Deer survival was excellent in 2022 — likely due to summer rain. Most of Utah's deer fed well last fall and entered the winter in great body condition.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

- We manage properties that benefit wildlife species statewide.
- WMAs serve as public access points for fishing, hunting and wildlife-related recreation.
- The Cinnamon Creek acquisition (8,000+ acres) was critically important for wildlife and a huge win for public access.



SPECIES RECOVERY SUCCESS



CISCO, ISELY'S AND STAGE
STATION MILKVETCHES
NOT WARRANTED



UTAH PRAIRIE DOG
PAVING THE WAY FOR
DELISTING



LEAST CHUB, PINYON JAY
AND PYGMY RABBIT
PETITIONED FOR LISTING

No Utah species were listed under the Endangered Species Act in 2022.

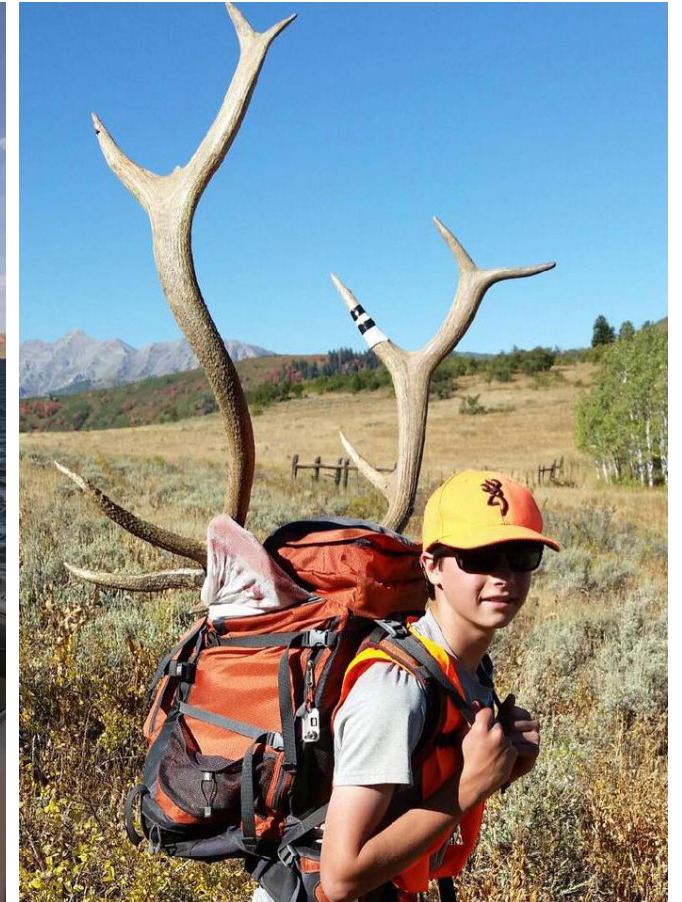
FISHING IS GREAT!

Utah anglers set 11 new fishing records in 2022 — here are some of the new record holders and their fish!

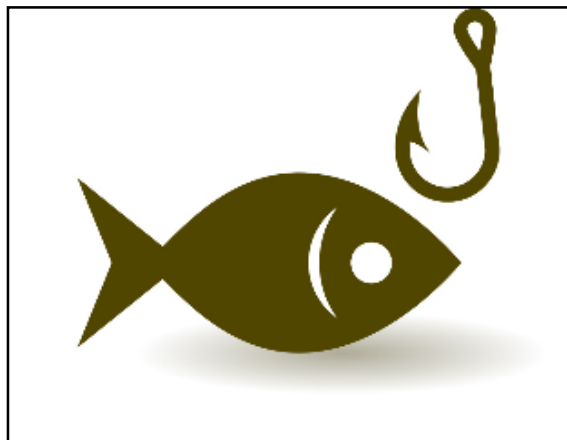


INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES

- Utah offers tremendous fishing opportunities:
 - More than 1,000 fishable lakes and 57 community ponds
- Anglers spend nearly 4.5 million days fishing in Utah each year.
- New statewide elk management plan will increase participation.



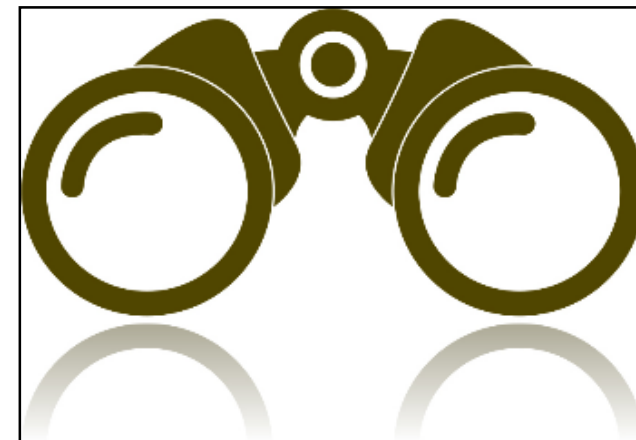
ECONOMIC IMPACTS



FISHING



HUNTING

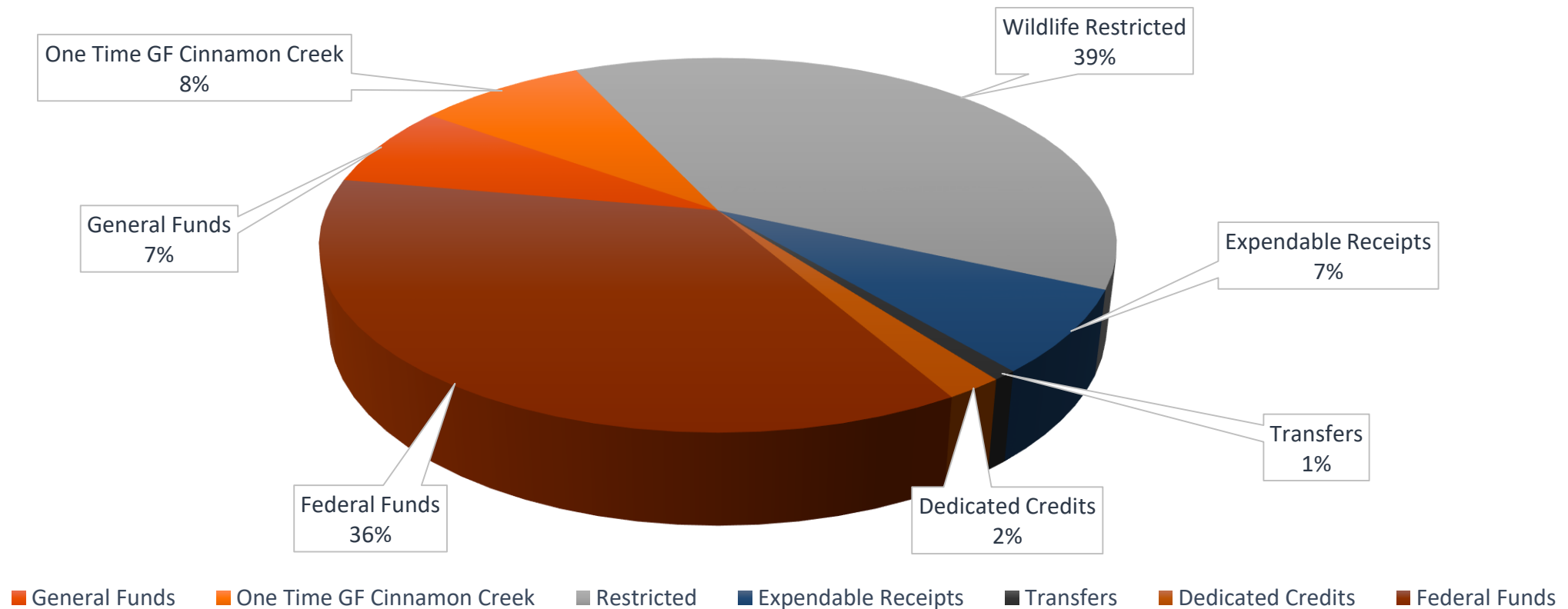


WILDLIFE VIEWING

These activities have a nearly **\$3 billion ripple effect** on Utah's economy each year.

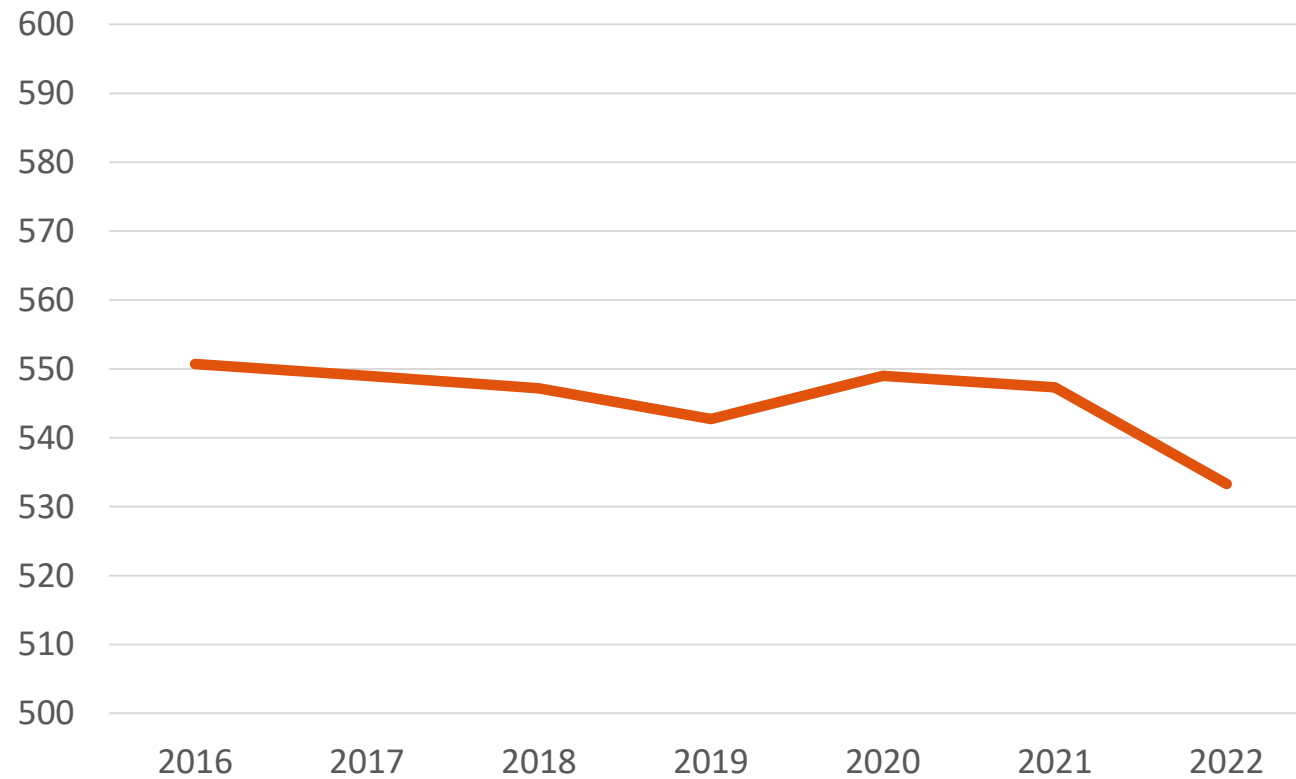
FUNDING OVERVIEW

Wildlife Resources FY22 Revenue by Type Total: \$122,600,553



EMPLOYEES

Average FTE Count



PROPOSED FEE CHANGES

- Our costs for labor, goods, services, materials and fuel have risen significantly over the last 2 years.
- Because we are almost entirely self-funded, a modest hunting and fishing license fee increase is needed.
- Our last fee increase for residents was in 2014.
- We aim to generate about \$5.9 million in revenue and anticipate this will help cover costs for the next 4-6 years.
- Our proposed changes went through five public regional advisory meetings and were approved by the Utah Wildlife Board.



FEE CHANGE HIGHLIGHTS

- We considered a 10% bump for most fees, with a few strategic adjustments from there.
- We're proposing a \$6 increase for hunting and fishing licenses and for general-season deer and elk permits.
 - Hunting and fishing licenses from \$34 to \$40
 - Combination licenses from \$38 to \$44
 - Deer permits from \$40 to \$46
 - Elk permits from \$50 to \$56
- No increase in fees for youth and disabled veterans



LICENSE REIMBURSEMENT

- Free and discounted fishing licenses for seniors, citizens with permanent qualifying disabilities, and children in state custody continue to increase.
- Originally, these were to be reimbursed from the general fund.
- Typically, this goes unfunded.
- The reimbursable license revenue for FY 22 is \$1,329,640.



FUNDING REQUESTS

- \$1,100,000 (ongoing) from the Wildlife Restricted Account
 - To cover the increasing costs of staff time, goods, services, fuel, equipment, maintenance, fencing, supplies and technology.
- \$1,205,000 (ongoing) from the Hatchery Maintenance Restricted Account
 - To meet our ongoing and increasing day-to-day hatchery maintenance needs.



HATCHERY CONSTRUCTION NEEDS

- Loa Hatchery needs a complete rebuild to increase production capabilities and maintain current fishing opportunities.
- The Fisheries Experimentation Station in Logan needs reconstruction to protect fish health.
- Hatcheries provide fish that are enjoyed statewide.



WHAT WE BELIEVE

We believe that wildlife is valuable to everyone.





THANK YOU



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